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Mr. Abdul Hamid Khan :—" Will the hon. the Law Member kindly see that hereafter the manager does not take the authority into his own hands ? "

The hon. Diwan Bahadur M. Krishnan Nayar :—" Even now he does not take the authority into his own hands."

Alleged inadequacy of accommodation in the courts at Mangalore.

* 1288 Q.—Mr. J. A. Saldanha : Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(a) when the present District Court, Sub-Court and District Munsif's Court buildings in Mangalore were built ;

(b) whether the present court buildings have got sufficient room for the accommodation of the several departments such as the copyist, nazir and clerical establishments ;

(c) whether it is a fact the additional sub-judge recently appointed occupies a small room formerly occupied by the official receiver ;

(d) whether it is a fact the official receiver at present occupies a room in the Munsif's court where the witnesses used to sit down and whether the munsif and the witnesses are inconvenienced thereby ;

(e) whether the waiting rooms of the lawyers are sufficient to accommodate the large number that attend the courts ;

(f) whether there is a separate waiting room for witnesses in the various courts ; and

(g) whether the latrines provided for the various establishments, witnesses and pleaders in the court are in a dilapidated condition, of primitive fashion and inadequate ?

A.—(a) The date of construction of the District Court is not known. The dates of construction of the Sub-Court and the District Munsif's Court were 1825 and 1882 respectively.

(b) The Government have no reason to think that they have not sufficient accommodation for the establishments referred to.

(c) & (d) The Government have no information.

(e) & (g) The Government have received a representation from the Bar Association, Mangalore, complaining of the inadequacy of the existing accommodation for the Bar and of the inconvenience of the latrine.

(f) The Government have no information.

Mr. J. A. Saldanha :—" Has the hon. the Law Member been pleased to call for a report ? "

The hon. Diwan Bahadur M. Krishnan Nayar :—" I called for reports from the Engineering Department and from the High Court."

Mr. J. A. Saldanha :—" What is the reply received ? "

The hon. Diwan Bahadur M. Krishnan Nayar :—" About what ? "

Mr. J. A. Saldanha :—" About the adequacy of accommodation for the several officers, lawyers and witnesses ? "

The hon. Diwan Bahadur M. Krishnan Nayar :—" The High Court has stated that there is no urgency about it."

Mr. J. A. Saldanha :—" If I assert that there is urgency

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The hon. the PRESIDENT :—"The hon. Member will take another opportunity to assert facts. I do not think I shall be justified in allowing the hon. Member at this stage to assert facts."

Mr. J. A. SALDANHA :—"May I ask whether they are true or not ?"

The hon. the PRESIDENT :—"That is really cross-examination."

Mr. K. R. KARANT :—"May I know whether the Government have already taken on hand the scheme with regard to the bar room ?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur M. KRISHNAN NAYAR :—"That is what I stated. The High Court has stated that there is no urgency about it."

Remuneration to Official Receivers in the Presidency.

*1289 Q.—Mr. A. PARASURAMA RAO : Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Official Receivers in the several districts of this Presidency are paid any fixed salary ;

(b) if not, whether they are paid any commission or honorarium ;

(c) if they are paid any commission, at what rate and how much ;

(d) whether they are full-timed servants of the Government or whether they are permitted to have private practice ; and

(e) whether the Official Receivers are given any establishment, and if so, in which of the districts and what is the strength of such establishment ?

A.—(a) No.

(b) & (c) They are permitted to draw a commission of 5 per cent on gross realizations subject to the condition that when the amount of the commission goes beyond a certain limit deductions according to a graduated scale should be made from the excess.

(d) They are not whole time servants of Government. They are permitted to continue their private practice.

(e) Generally, the Official Receiver of a heavy district is allowed one clerk and one peon and the Official Receiver of a light district gets part-time help from a clerk of the District Court establishment.

Mr. A. RANGANATHA MUDALIYAR :—"In the answer to clauses (b) and (c), there is a certain limit mentioned. May I know what it is ?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur M. KRISHNAN NAYAR :—"I want notice."

Disposal of insolvency petitions in Cuddapah and other districts.

*1290 Q.—Mr. A. PARASURAMA RAO : Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(a) how many insolvency petitions were sent for disposal to the Official Receivers in the Ceded districts during the year 1926–27 ;

(b) what is the amount paid to the Official Receivers in each of the districts of Cuddapah, Kurnool, Bellary and Anantapur during the last year and the amount of interest accruing on the amounts invested by each of them in the Banks during that period ; and

(c) in how many petitions referred to the Official Receivers in the Ceded districts the insolvents were discharged ?

A.—(a), (b) & (c). The Government have no information.